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Sir:

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A European Search Report dated August 6, 2007 that issued in a patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior

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art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under

United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law

regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability

of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the

claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby

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This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF

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Respectfully submitted,

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